

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-9 and 11-14 are pending. By this Amendment, claims 1, 2, 8, 9 and 12 are amended, claim 10 is cancelled, and claims 13 and 14 are added. The features of objected-to claim 10 have been placed into independent claim 1. In addition, objected-to claim 2 has been rewritten in independent form. Typographical informalities have been corrected in claims 8 and 9. Method claim 12 has been amended so as to include features based upon objected-to claim 2. Claim 13 is identical to original claim 11, except that it depends from claim 2. Method claim 14 is based upon original method claim 12 and objected-to claim 10. In addition, obvious typographical informalities have been corrected in the specification. Accordingly, no new matter is added by the above amendments.

Applicants note with appreciation the identification of allowable subject matter in claims 2-10. The claims have been amended as described above in order to place the features of objected-to claims 2 and 10 into independent claims. Accordingly, the rejections of claims 1, 11 and 12 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) are moot.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted



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